

"You remember," said Mr. Johnson, "those words of the apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Romans: 'I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.' The first thing for you to do is to confess your sin, in having so long withheld the surrender; and yet not that sin only, but all your sins. What a joy it is to know that through 'the precious blood of Christ' all our sins can be freely and completely forgiven, and that we have only to believe in Him in order to have them forever washed away! Then, too, He is willing to grant us His Holy Spirit to change our hearts, and to make us able and glad to serve Him. Of all things, the wisest you can do is, to begin this new year by thus repenting of sin and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and then to yield to Him your whole self, that you may be His servant for ever."

"Thank you, Mr. Johnson," said Mr. Henry. "Will you pray for me that from this day I may lead a new and better life?"

"When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon radiant sun,
When I stand with Christ on high,
Looking o'er life's history;
Then, Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then, how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own;
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart;
Then, Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then, how much I owe.

Now on earth, as through a glass,
Darkly let thy glory pass;
Make forgiveness feel so sweet,
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet,
E'en on earth, Lord, make me know
Something of the debt I owe."

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand: and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her."